EXCESSIVE HEAT TAKES MANY LIVES

Excessive heat takes more than four times as many lives annually as excessive cold.

More persons die each year from too much heat than from accidental electrocutions.

Those are facts an excessive heat presented by the National Safety Council.

Heat cramps and heat exhaustion —results of excessive heat — come from over-exposure to sun or industrial heat. Heat cramps are caused by excessive loss of salt from the system through perspiration and are distributed by cramps in the abdomen and in arm and leg muscles.

Heat exhaustion — which doesn't always accompany heat cramps—has these symptoms: paleness, chills, dizziness, nausea, abdominal cramping, rapid and shallow breathing, rapid and weak pulse, weakness, brown — normal temperature, and skin either hot or cold and clammy.

Unconsciousness and possible death may result if severe cases, the Council said.

Heavy exertion in abnormally high temperatures — engine rooms, foundries, kiln mills, bakeries and laundries, for example — may cause heat sickness.

Most susceptible to heat sickness are persons not used to high temperatures, those in poor health or previously suffering from it. Here's how it can be prevented.

1. Avoid alcohol and ice water. Instead, drink hot water and chew four pieces salt vegetables and eight-to-eight foods.

2. Wear light, loose clothing. Avoid over-fatigue. Bathe daily and get plenty of sleep.

3. Replace body salt lost through excessive perspiration by eating your food or taking salt when you take a drink of water.

First aid for heat exhaustion should include these points:

Remove the victim to circumstance air.

1. Keep him lying down. Apply blankets over and under him.

2. If he's conscious, give him warm liquids to drink — also salted water (a teaspoonful to a pint).

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FATHER'S JOB

Madison, Wis.- When a teacher asked a pupil what his father did for a living, the boy replied that his father was a teacher teaching teachers how to teach. The father, Eugene McPhee, is director of all of Wisconsin's state teacherh colleges.

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You can't tell — maybe a fish goes home and lies about the size of the bait he stole. —Rays of Sunshine.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Answers are supplied by staff members of the VPI Agriculture Extension Service and Experiment Station).

Q. My corn is severely damaged by insects which attack the roots. What can I do about it.

A. There's not much you can do now. Soil treatments with aldrin or heptachlor should have been made about planting time.

Q. What is the outlook for hog prices in July and August.

A. They should hold steady, and perhaps improve a little, until September when a seasonal drop is expected.

Q. How do you control thrips on peanuts?

A. Apply DDT as soon as injury appears and again about 10 days later. Do not feed treated foliage to milk cows or meat animals being fattened for slaughter.

Q. What is the latest date I can sow soybeans?

A. They can be seeded in July, but yields can be lower and seed quality poorer than if they had been seeded by mid-June.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Of every noble action, the intent is to give worth reward. — vice publius.

—Beaumont and Fletcher

Better have failed in the high aim as I,
Than vulgarly in the low aim succeed.
As God be thanked! I do not.
—Browning.

Slight not what's near through aiming at what's far. —Euripides.

A noble aim.
Faithfully kept, is as a noble deed,
In whose pure sight all virtue doth succeed.
—Wadsworth.

Whose'er would reach the rose,
Treads the crocus under foot.
—Mrs. Browning.

It's a good idea to avoid taking cream pies on picnics or entering them in fair foods exhibits. Judges often have to sample pies entered. And cream pies kept at room temperature for several hours in fair buildings can be dangerous eating.

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By Calvin Robinson

...seem a bit tardy to re...published in 1902. How...as yet unborn in 1902, ...at Appomattox" by the ...Charles Francis Adams ...ed by Houghton, Miglin ...y. On top of that, I have ...ived a copy of the said

...Wednesday, October 30, 1901, ...Francis Adams was the ...e a meeting of the Amer...Iberian Society, at its an...ing in Worcester, Mass. ...feel it necessary to extoll ...ence of any member of ...Adams family, of New ...k. Rather, it would be of ...ern merely to ponder ...e great scholar, Charles ...Adams would choose to dis...cuss before his contemporaries gathered for philosophical interpretation.

On this occasion, Mr. Adams noted the turmoil of the hour. He cited the implications of the wars in South Africa and wondered if the leadership was available to bring about a solution happy for future generations.

With that as a preface, Mr. Adams recalled that our own nation had a "hairbreadth escape" only thirty-six years before, and that it was "opportune to set forth the debt of gratitude this reunited country" owes to Robert E. Lee, of Virginia.

From then on, Mr. Adams presents a masterly case for the greatness of Robert E. Lee .. something he did that was greater than any incident of battle .. something of statesmanship that changed the history of the world. And it was at Appomattox, Virginia.

Lee's Decision

That this greatness belongs to Robert E. Lee and no one else, is substantiated by the record, as I read it. On April 2, 1865, the Confederate Army had to abandon the lines in front of Petersburg. And the very same day, the President of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis, called from worship at historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church, left Richmond in all haste, hoping he might set up a seat of government in Danville. This set the stage for: Grant to capture Richmond, and from Danville, Jefferson Davis proclaimed, "We have now entered upon a new phase of the struggle."

The week of April 2 to 9, 1865, saw decisions of the soul. Even in Europe, there were leaders who believed that the South could not be defeated, and that a guerilla war could and would be waged, and that no power on earth could even subdue Texas, much less a great expanse of land such as that engaged in war against the Federal Government of the United States.

It was in that week of April 2 - 9, 1865, that one of the most important decisions in all history was made. And Robert E. Lee made it.

Plea of Henry A. Wise

Johnh Sargent Wise, a son of Henry A. Wise, a great Virginia leader, in a book, "The End of an Era," contributes to the background of Lee's decision. He brought dispatches to Lee the night after Saylor's Creek. By then, the Army of Northern Virginia had been thwarted in marching directly to Danville, and was seeking a more advantageous route, swinging northward and around the elbow. On Friday, April 7, young Wise came upon his father, in bivouac with his brigade. Henry A. Wise was nearly sixty. He had been Governor of Virginia at the time of Harper's Ferry, October, 1859. He was a member of the Virginia Convention which pased the ordinance of secession after the firing on Fort Sumter. He served in the Confederate Army all the way, and was in the thick of the fight at Saylor's Creek, near Farmville, in that last fateful week.

Young Wise and his father found Lee, and note this conversation:

Lee "had washed his face in a tin basin, and stood drying his beard with a coarse towel as we approached. . ."

"General Lee, my poor men are lying on yonder hill more dead than alive. For more than a week they have been fighting day and night, without food, and, by God, sir, they shall not move another step until somebody gives them something to eat."

Lee was calm, and in his inimitable manner, invited Wise to share his meager breakfast. He know how to disarm an interviewer with his dignity and human understanding.

Wise reported the situation as he saw it:

"There is no situation, Nothing remains, General Lee, but to put your poor men on your poor mules and send them home in time for spring plowing." He added a bold statement..... "to prolong the struggle is murder, and the blood of every man who is killed from this time forth is on your head, General Lee."

Eyes then, Lee was not convinced. He wanted to fight on. He said: "What would the country think of me, if I did what you suggest ."

Wise had an answer to that.

Wise said.. "country be d..d. There is no country. There has been no country, general, for a year or more. You are the country to these men. They have fought for you. They have shivered through a long winter for you. Without pay, or clothes, or care of any sort, their devotion to you and faith in you have been the only things which have held this army together....."

The record is that Lee made no response.

Another Angle

But there is another chapter.

General E. P. Alexander had been a chief of artillery under Longstreet. He was the officer starting the appalling canonade at Gettysburg preparatory to Pickett's great Charge.

It was a fabulous story, but by April 8, 1865, the jig was up, and Alexander wrote about a conference of officers at which it was urged that Lee be asked to accept the inevitable. General Pendleton was authorized to approach the General. Lee shunned the idea. He told Pendleton that there were too many men remaining in the ranks to think of laying down arms. In fact, Lee's manner indicated a rebuke for even suggesting the idea.

Ah yes. I have made a long documentary of this. But so much more could be said. But I must hasten to record that as the situation demanded decision, General Alexander proposed a disbanding of the troops as a formal army, and that the fight be carried to the hills, and that in small groups, they continue until the North agreed to Southern independence.

And this is for history....

"General Lee broke in.....

"No, General Alexander, that will not do. You must remember that we are a christian people. We have fought this fight as long, and as well as, we know how. We have been defeated. For us, as a christian people, there is now but one course for us to pursue. We must accept the situtiom. These men must go home and plant a crop, and we must proceed to build up our country on a new basis."

Let the record show that General Alexander replied, "I have nothing to say in reply."

Alexander wrote..... "I felt the man had soared away up above men. ....He dominated me completely. I rose from beside him; silently mounted my horse; I rode back to my command; and waited for the order to surrender."

Then and there, Robert E Lee made his true place in history. You can compare him, as to his command in battle, with Caesar, Napoleon, Washington or Jackson. But it was at Appomattox, Virginia, on April 9, 1865, that Lee made the greatest decision of his career, and the one made for One America.

The greatness of Lee at Appomattox was that he ended a war in honor and dignity. He decided against a generation of guerilla warfare in the hills, of hiding out, and bloody skirmishes of retribuiion. He decided for an honorable course in the saddest hour of his Cause.

"Yes, I know they will say hard things of us. They will not understand how we were overwhelmed by numbers. But that is not the question, Colonel. The question is: Is it right to surrender this army? If it is right, then I will take all the responsibility."

To conclude this paper, I will mention a scene a few days later in old Richmond.

The first paroled men had started coming in. The people, by then, knew about Appomattox. "The next morning, a small group of horsemen appeared and the rumor spread that General Lee was among them. Lots of stragglers went by. A crowd collected along the route. They were silent and bareheaded. But as Robert E. Lee rode by, from time to time he took off his hat, and bowed in dignity as he passed to his own door of repose, and from then on, Lee did not appear in the battle uniform of the South."

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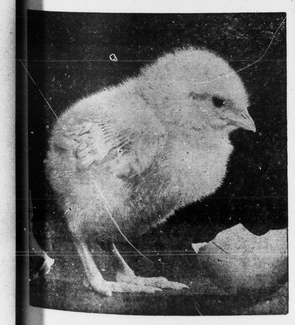

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